

VIRGINIA BOASTS OLDEST CHURCH IN THE UNITED STATES

HISTORIC ST. LUKE'S BEAUTIFUL IN ANTIQUITY

During Revolutionary War Tarleton's Troops Were Stationed Beneath Oaks Near Walls of Ancient Edifice on Suffolk-Smithfield Highway.

By JULIA A. BRINKLEY.

Older, but the building has been destroyed by fire several times, and the one now standing is none of the original.

Sheltered Tarleton's Troops.

During the Revolutionary War, General Tarleton's troops were stationed beneath those oaks near walls of old St. Luke's; the Virginia militia in the war of 1812 encamped around it, and brave men in gray who fought in the War Between the States held many a war council in the grove near the old church. From the days of the Revolutionary War until along the middle of the nineteenth century, the church was built, but little used.

Nature itself has endowed the setting of the building with a beauty that no artist could paint. And this with the study of building, its weather beaten roof and repainted doors for public worship. About the year 1840, Rev. David Barr, rector of the church in Smithfield, undertook away, undertook its restoration, and although he experienced many difficulties in his undertaking principally in the lack of funds, he took up the work with great enthusiasm.

The structure is made of bricks, made of clay of excellent quality and these are cemented with mortar, the mortar being shell lime and building sand, all of which is found in the nearby vicinity. It has become as hard as adamant, and has defied all who may have dared make hostile incursions in its surface. The stones themselves, through nearly two centuries, have spared the building and miraculously, though the which the edifice has become so infatuated with its setting that it would be impossible to dislodge the one without tearing away much of the other contiguous to it.

The edifice was reshelved in the eighteenth century, and again in the nineteenth, probably about 1830.

The local information that can be gathered from the history of this old church building, that it is the oldest house of worship of the protestant faith now standing in the new world. There are perhaps older church organizations. The cathedral at St. Augustine, Fla., perhaps is

the oldest in the country.

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BLACK CHIVALRY IN ELEVATORS

Fred Putnam Took Off His Hat, but Farmer Said: "What You Taking On Your Old Ford? I Don't Know You!"

By Harry Tucker.

The Cozy Corner Club, having returned from its jolting trip to Gotham, feeling spurs and span, fled into the meeting room behind President Charles Taylor, and began immediately to tap upon Gotham and all that lies beyond.

"Now, less see," the president began. "Less see. The only thing that impressed me on our outing was the fact that Gotham is getting more like Richmond every day. Some topless streets, some new buildings going up, a row with the taxicabs about insurance streetcar fare contention, traffic regulation, and all them things."

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